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Identical letters dated 5 March 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I wish to draw your attention to the following information:

At 6 a.m. today, Wednesday, 5 March 2014, in yet another blatant violation of the 1974 Agreement on Disengagement, the Charter of the United Nations and the rules of international law, Israeli occupation forces fired four rockets from Tallat al-Sath and Khuwayn in the occupied Syrian Golan towards the school and mosque in Hamidiyah. At 6.30 a.m., Israeli occupation forces fired four tank shells at Hurriyah and, at 7.10 a.m., they fired machine gun salvos towards the Hamidiyah position, wounding seven members of the internal security forces and four civilians.

This aggression illustrates once again that the Israeli entity is directly supporting armed terrorist groups and proves beyond a doubt the extent of coordination between Israeli enemy forces and those terrorist groups. It is also clear that Israel will not refrain from intervening directly in support of the terrorist organizations, which are its agents, and from acting to alleviate the pressure they face whenever necessary. It does this in utter disregard of the consequences of its hostile actions, the most significant of which are undermining stability and heightening tensions in and around the area of disengagement.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic draws the attention of the Security Council to these events and calls on it to condemn unequivocally Israel's aggressions, which contravene international law and the Agreement on Disengagement, and increase tension and instability in and around the area of disengagement. Syria emphasizes that certain permanent Members of the Security Council are continually shielding Israel from attempts to hold it accountable for its hostile behaviour and violations of relevant Security Council resolutions by preventing the Council from condemning Israel for its repeated aggressions. By

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doing so, they are undermining the Council's credibility as the body responsible for maintaining international peace and security.

Syria once again calls on the Security Council to ensure compliance with its relevant resolutions, in particular resolutions 242 (1967), 338 (1973) and 497 (1981), which call for an end to the Israeli occupation of the Syrian Golan and for Israel to withdraw its forces from all occupied Arab territory, including the occupied Syrian Golan, to the lines of 4 June 1967.

I should be grateful if this letter could be circulated as a document of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 35, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Bashar **Ja'afari**
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